GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7403
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2000
BOARD OF STERLITE INDUSTRIES LTD
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board of Sterlite Industries Ltd. is going for a major restructuring and has accepted the recommendations of the Arthur Anderson Consultancy on demerging the telecom business division into a separate company and consolidate the group on ferrous metals business by merging Madras Aluminium Company into Srerlite Industries;

(b) if so, whether it has also been decided to undertake any Greenfield aluminim project in future;

(c) if so, the major revamp made by the Company; and

(d) the extent to which it will be beneficial?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) : The Board of Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd., is in process of restructuring its businesses and has accepted the recommendations made by Arthur Andersen India Pvt. Ltd. on demerging the entire of its telecom business into a separate company, subject to all necessary approvals as required by law. This was communicated vide a press release. Further, the Board of Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd. has decided to merge the Madras Aluminium Company Ltd. into Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd.The Board of The Madras Alminium Company Limited has also accorded approval to the merger scheme.The merger is also subject to all necessary approvals as required by law.

(b): The Company has decided not to undertake any Greenfield Aluminium Project at the present juncture.

(c) and (d): Does not arise.